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Delinquent list of Militia in the 30th Regiment

Indiana Militia for 1831

At a Court of Assessment convened for the assessment of fines upon delinquents in the 30th Regiment, 11th Brigade & 3th Division Indiana Militia for the year 1831- the following Commandants of Companies composing said Court viz: Captains John Strain?, Wm.Taylor, Joseph Gregg& Hugh Lambert, Lieut. Ephraim Kester & Ensigns Joseph East & Philo Clark- Charles T. Noble was appointed Judge Advocate and Sylvester Sibley Provost Marshal pro tem. After being duly sworn the following fines were assessed by the said Court, Hugh Lambert President.

Company of Cavalry Commanded by Capt. William Taylor

Company Muster April 9th

Delinquents	Causes why fined	Amount
John Curry	Non attendance	.50
Oliver M.Hickcox	" "	.50
Nelson Markle	" "	.50
Wm.Coltrin	" "	.50
James Wepton	" "	.50
Geo. W.Welman	" "	.50
Jacob Herrington	" "	.50
James M.Brown	" "	.50
Abram A.Markle	" "	.50
John F.King	" "	.50
D- Soesby	" "	.50
Peter Price	" "	.50
Edward Richardson	Without holsters or pistols	.50
Butler Wepton	" uniform, boots & spurrs	.50
Bradley Sasseen	" uniform, cartridge? box, amnution boots and spurrs	.50

Battallion Muster May 27th

Oliver M. Hickcox	Non attendance	.50
Nelson Markle	" "	.50
William Coltrin	" "	.50
William Curry	" "	.50
John Dubie	" "	.50
George W. Welman	" "	.50
Bradley Sasseen	" "	.50
James M. Brown	" "	.50
Abram A. Markle	" "	.50
John F. King	" "	.50
Peter Price	" "	.50
Cyrus Edgerton	" "	.50
James Wepton	Without uniform, cartouch box, ammunition and spurrs	.50

Regimental Muster Oct. 1st

Oliver M. Hickcox	Non attendance	.50
Nelson Markle	" "	.50
James Welpton	" "	.50
George W. Welman	" "	.50
Abram A. Markle	" "	.50
John F. King	" "	.50
Daniel Soesby	" "	.50
Peter Price	" "	.50
Cyrus Edgerton	" "	.50
Bradley Sasseen	without boots and spurrs	.50
Truman Brotherton	without pistols	.50

Rifle Company Commanded by Capt. Hugh Lambert

April Muster	April 9th	
Stephen Barmore	Non attendance	.50
Anthony Creal	" "	.50
William Ellinsworth	" "	.50

Battallion Muster	Oct.1st	
Isaiah B.Brown	Non attendance	.50
Stephen Barmore	" "	.50
Anthony Creal	" "	.50
William Ellinsworth	" "	.50
Luke Whayley	" "	.50
Wesley Cope	" "	.50

Regimental Muster	Oct.1st	
Elijah Wood	Non attendance	.50
Robert Ramage	" "	.50
Hiram White	" "	.50
Benj. G.Roe	" "	.50
Anthony Creal	" "	.50
John-----	" "	.50
William Ellinsworth	" "	.50
Luke Whaley	" "	.50
Wesley Cope	" "	.50

Rifle Company Commanded by Capt. John Strain

Regimental Muster Oct.1st

~~Elijah Wood~~	Non attendance	.50
Lewis Pain	" "	.50
Wm. Thompson	" "	.50

Alfred Thompson	Non attendance	.50
John Paddock	" "	.50
James Thompson	" "	.50
Stephen Ingraham	" "	.50
Jacob Parker	" "	.50
Jared Lykins	" "	.50
Chas.N.Bennight	" "	.50
Samuel Pain	" "	.50

Militia Company Commanded by Capt. Joseph Gregg

Battallion Muster May 28th

James Lemaster	Non attendance	.50
Isaac Lemaster	" "	.50
James Copeland	" "	.50
James Williams	" "	.50
James Simpkins	" "	.50
Reuben Hart	" "	.50
Jacob Carpenter	" "	.50
Daniel Durham Jr.	" "	.50
John Durham	" "	.50
Thomas Durham	" "	.50
Daniel Durham	" "	.50
Gabriel Durham	" "	.50
Sam Pucket	" "	.50
Thomas Pucket	" "	.50
Henry Souls	" "	.50
John McCraney	" "	.50
William Sanders	" "	.50
Camma R.Gregory	" "	.50

Greenbury Riggs	Non attendance	.50
Peter-----	" "	.50
Barnabas Hayworth	" "	.50
Russell Griffin	" "	.50
Solomon Smith	" "	.50
Reason Meeks	" "	.50
John Colman	" "	.50
James Leathers	" "	.50
John Hoopengardner	" "	.50
Levi Westfall	" "	.50
Joseph Joslin	" "	.50
Joseph McDaniel	" "	.50
Benjamin Wood	" "	.50
Robert Hoggatt	" "	.50
Oliver S.Hall	" "	.50
John More	" "	.50
Wade Posey	"B "	.50

Militia Company Commanded by Ensign Philo Clark . April Muster Apr.9

Samuel Mitchel	Non attendance	.50
Herman Abel	" "	.50
Absalom Hardin	" "	.50
Samuel McCune	" "	.50
Henry Purcell	" "	.50
Dixon Hardin	" "	.50
Travis Johnson	" "	.50
Thomas Hendricks	" "	.50
James Cissel	" "	.50
Richard Smith	" "	.50
Jacob Welch	" "	.50

Joseph Thrall	Non attendance	.50
Joel McCampbell	" "	.50

Batallion Muster May 27th

Samuel Mitchel	Non attendance	.50
James Boothe	" "	.50
Wayne? Fisher	" "	.50
Leonard York	" "	.50
Henry York	" "	.50
Benjamin Mallory	" "	.50
Jacob Welch	" "	.50
Daniel Emerson	" "	.50

Regimental Muster Oct.1st

George Tillotson	Non attendance	.50
Daniel Emerson	" "	.50
Hiram Abel	" "	.50
Joseph Bridgewater	" "	.50
Joel Shew	" "	.50
David Thornbury	" "	.50
Reuben Bramlet	" "	.50
Solomon Cox	" "	.50
James F.Robinson	" "	.50
Jacob Welch	" "	.50

Militia Company Commanded by Ensign Joseph East. April Muster Apr.9th

Malcom Newman? 4th Sargt.	Non attendance	1.00
Thomas W.Mifflin 2nd Corp.	" "	1.00
Charles Scranton	" "	.50
B.P,Gilman Jr.	" "	.50
Joseph Miller	" "	.50

G.C. Cone	Non attendance	.50
James G. Moffatt	" "	.50
Lester Patrick	" "	.50
Thomas Parsons	" "	.50
Wm.Mc Murran	" "	.50
George W.Kable	" "	.50
Gillingharst Almy	" "	.50
John Gosnel	" "	.50
John--------	" "	.50
Thomas Haughton	" "	.50
Robert Jackson	" "	.50
Abram Jackson	" "	.50
Greer B.Duncan	" "	.50
James Perkins	" "	.50
Wm. C.Linton	" "	.50
William Lindley	" "	.50
George W.Ball	" "	.50
Demas Deming	" "	.50
Jonas W.Baker	" "	.50
John Britton	" "	.50
John N.Jones	" "	.50
B.M. Harrison	" "	.50
Horatio N.Manning	" "	.50
Noah Beymer	" "	.50
Ransom Miller	" "	.50
William Herrington	" "	.50
Thomas McCray	" "	.50

James Farrington	Non attendance	.50
C.G.Noble	" "	.50
Thomas H.Blake	" "	.50
Chancey Rose	" "	.50
Samuel Eversole	" "	.50
John Beymer	" "	.50
Alex C.King	" "	.50
Camma R.King	" "	.50
George W.Markle	" "	.50
Clark Gattle	" "	.50
Cahrles B.Harris	" "	.50
Samuel Barns	" "	.50
Alexander Small	" "	.50
Amos Welch ?	" "	.50

Battallion Muster May 27th

Thomas W.Mifflin 2nd Corp.	Non attendance	1.00
Benjamin J.Gilman Jr.	" "	.50
Joseph Miller	" "	.50
James G.Moffatt	" "	.50
Lester Patrick	" "	.50
Thomas Parsons	" "	.50
William McMurran	" "	.50
Henry Lanius	" "	.50
Gillingharst Almy	" "	.50
John Gosnel	" "	.50
Thomas Houghton	" "	.50
Greer B.Duncan	" "	.50
James Perkins	" "	.50

William C.Linton	Non attendance	.50
William Lindley	" "	.50
William P.Barnett	" "	.50
Demas Deming	" "	.50
Lucius H.Scott	" "	.50
John Briton	" "	.50
B.M. Harrison	" "	.50
Horation N.Manning	" "	.50
Noah Beymer	" "	.50
Ransom Miller	" "	.50
James Ross	" "	.50
William Noel	" "	.50
William Herrington	" "	.50
Desmond Hueston	" "	.50
Joseph Dunlap	" "	.50
Charles G.Noble	" "	.50
William Haynes	" "	.50
James----	" "	.50
Chauncey Warren	" "	.50
Samuel Eversole	" "	.50
Joseph Eversole	" "	.50
Manson Gosnel	" "	.50
James Reed	" "	.50
John Beymer	" "	.50
Alex C.King	" "	.50
Camma R.King	" "	.50
Clark Gattle	" "	.50
Charles B.Harris	" "	.50

Samuel Barnes	Non attendance	.50
Lester Tillotson	" "	.50

Regimental Muster Oct.1st

Thomas W.Mifflin 2nd Corp.	Non attendance	1.00
Joseph Miller	" "	.50
William Warren	" "	.50
George W.Ruble	" "	.50
Tillingharst Almy	" "	.50
Thomas Houghton	" "	.50
Robert Jackson	" "	.50
Greer B.Duncan	" "	.50
Henry Ross	" "	.50
William C.Linton	" "	.50
William Lindley	" "	.50
Daniel H.Johnson	" "	.50
William P.Barnett	" "	.50
Demas Deming	" "	.50
L.Duncan?	" "	.50
William Abbott	" "	.50
John P.Jones	" "	.50
B.M.Harrison	" "	.50
Joseph V.Hamer	" "	.50
Ransom Miller	" "	.50
James Ross	" "	.50
James Farrington	" "	.50
C.T.Noble	" "	.50
William M.Haynes	" "	.50
James Wells	" "	.50
Thomas H.Blake	" "	.50

Chancey Warren	Non attendance	.50
Ralph Wilson	" "	.50
William Early	" "	.50
Samuel Eversole	" "	.50
James Reed	" "	.50
C.R.King	" "	.50
Jesse Saverons	" "	.50
John Russell	" "	.50
George W.Markle	" "	.50
Samuel Barns	" "	.50
Alexander Small	" "	.50
Lester Tillotson	" "	.50
Charles Haynes	" "	.50
Richard Smith	" "	.50
Eli Ray?	" "	.50

Ordered that Capt. Moses Carr be fined one dollar and fifty cents for attending Battl.Muster without uniform coat,epaulette & uniform pantaloons

Ordered that a fine of one dollar and fifty cents be assessed upon Lieut. Ephraim Kesster for attending Battl.Muster without uniform coat & pantaloons & epaulette.

Ordered that a fine of two dollars be assessed upon Lieut. John Westfall for attending Battl. Muster without sword, epaulette, uniform coat and pantaloons.

Ordered that a fine of one dollar and fifty cents be assessed upon Capt. Moses Carr for attending Regimental Muster without epaulette uniform coat and pantaloons.

Ordered that a fine of one dollar and fifty cents be assessed upon Lieut. Ephraim Kester for attending Regimental Muster without epaulette, uniform coat and pantaloons.

Ordered that a fine of two dollars be assessed upon Lieut. John Westfall for attending Regimental Muster without sword, epaulette, uniform coat and pantaloons.

This is to certify that the foregoing fines were legally assessed at the Regimental Court of Assessment and not remitted at the Court of Appeals.

Silas Haskins Comdt.

Attest. C.G.Noble

Judge Advocate

A list of names fined by the Board of Officers in Capt. Wm. Taylor's Company of Cavalry for the year 1831 Baing a Call Muster 28th of May

Lieut.	J.M.Dawson	Absent----------	$5.00
3rd sarg.	Ely Russell	" ----------	2.00
privates	N.Markle	" ----------	.50
	Wm.Coltrin	" ----------	.50
	John Curry	" ----------	.50
	James Weston	" ----------	.50
	G.W.Wellman	" ----------	.50
	Jacob Herrington	" ----------	.50
	B.Sasseen	" ----------	.50
	M.Brown	" ----------	.50
	A.A.Markle	" ----------	.50
	J.F.King	" ----------	.50
	Peter Price	" ----------	.50
	Cyres Edgerton	----------	.50

This being a copy giving under my hand

Wm Taylor,Capt.

I hereby certify the above fines has not been-------

by the Court of Appeals.

S.Hoskins Col. 30th Regiment
Indiana Militia

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An alias list of fines assessed by the court of assessment upon delinquents in the 30th Regt Indiana Militia for the year 1830. Convened at S. McQuilkins Nov. 1st Capt. James Brooks Predident S.H. Wolcott Judge adv pro tem-

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Ordered that Capt John Ray of Sugar Creek be fined five dollars for not attending court of Assessment And making returns to the same $5.0

Cavalry Company Commanded by Captain William Tayler April 10th 183 2

DELINQUENTS	CAUSE OF FINES	AMOUNT
George W. Welman	Non Attendance	$.50
Jacob Herrington	" "	"
John Dubre	" "	"
Abraham Markle	" "	"

John F.King was fined April muster $.50 and battle muster $.50 paid $.50 due $.50

BATTALION MUSTER MAY28th 1830.

Oliver M. Hickcox	Sergeant	" "	$2.00
Joseph Markle	"	" "	"
William Coltrin	"	" "	"
George W. Welman		" "	$.50
John Dubre		" "	"
Abram A. Markle		" "	"

John F. King fined April muster .$.50 and battle muster $.50 paid $.50 due $.50

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Oliver M. Hickcox	Sergt	" "	$2.00
Nelson Markle	"	" "	"
William Coltrin	"	" "	"
George W. Welman		" "	$.50
Bradley Sassern		" "	"
John Dubre		" "	"

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Abraham A. Markle	Non attendance	$.50
Peter Price	" "	"
Peter Pric		

COMPANY COMMANDED BY ENSIGN JOSEPH EAST COMPANY MUSTER APRIL 10th 1830.

DELINQUENTS	CAUSES OF FINES	
B.J Gilman	Non attendance	$.50
William Plummer	" "	"
William Dunivan	" "	"
Nathaniel Marsh	" "	"
John Campbell	" "	"
Septer Patrick	" "	"
Thomas Parson	" "	"
Elias Shinn	" "	"
Barns Gookins	" "	"
Thomas Houghton	" "	"
Charles Patrick	" "	"
James Perkins	" "	"
Demas Deming	" "	"
Samuel Lindsey	" "	"
Eli Manville	" "	"
LuciesH, Scott	" "	"
William Abbott	" "	"
Stokes Simeon Jr.	" "	"
William Bradley	" "	"
John Britton	" "	"
William S. Shields	" "	"
William Shields	" "	"
Curtis Gilbert	" "	"
Lewis Sago	Without arms	$.37½
Soloman Smith	" "	"
James Blackman	" "	"
Richard Smith	" "	"
Albert McIntire	" "	"
Amos F. Hazen	" "	"
John Gosnell	" "	"
Thomas W. Mifflin	" "	"
William Evans	" "	"
Henry Ruble	" "	"

BATTALION MUSTER MAY 28, 1830.

DELINQUENTS	CAUSES OF FINES	
3rd Sert. A.K.Higgins	Non Attendance	$2.00
3rd. Corp. Joseph Dunlap	" "	"
B.J.Gilman	" "	.50
Nathaniel Marsh	" "	"
John Sutton	" "	"
Septer Patrick	" "	"
Thomas Parsons	" "	"
Thomas Houghton	" "	"
William Evans	" "	"
William Sullivan	" "	"
Demas Deming	" "	"
L.H.Scott	" "	"
John Britton	" "	"

John A.Jones was foned April muster $.50 Battalion Muster $.50 pd.$.50

BATTALION MUSTER MAY 28,1830

DELINQUENTS	CAUSES OF FINES	
Curtis Gilbert	Non Attendance	$.50
William Plummer	Not equipped	,37 1/2
Solomon Smith	" "	"
Thomas A. Mifflin	" "	"
Robert Jackson	" "	"
James Blackman	" "	"
Richard Smith	" "	"
John McCray	" "	"
Amos F. Hazen	" "	"

REGTL MUSTER OCT. 2, 1830

DELINQUENTS	CAUSES OF FINES	
William Plummer	Non Attendance	$.50
William Dunivan	" "	"
Nathaniel Marsh	" "	"
John Sutton	" "	"
Septer Patrick	" "	"
James Haynes	" "	"
William Evans	" "	"
Henry Ross	" "	"
Wm. P.Bennett	" "	"
Westley Westfall	" "	"
Samuel Leadsey	" "	"
William Abbott	" "	"
Noah Brymer fined April muster $.50 Battalion muster $.50 Regtl Muster $.50 pd. due $.50.		
William Bradley	Non Attendance	"
James Blackman	" "	"
James Ross	" "	"
Wm. Shields	" "	"
Wm. S. Shields	" "	"
Richard Smith	" "	"
Curtis Gilbert	" "	"
Joseph Smith	" "	"
Nathaniel Cunningham	" "	"
Daniel Kniffin	" "	"
Robert Anderson is marked paid, no. amt.carried out		"

COMPANY COMMANDED BY CAPT. JAMES BROOKS REGTL. MUSTER OCT. 2, 1830.

DELINQUENT	NON ATTENDANCE	
Jacob Ullum	" "	"
Robert McDougal	" "	"
James Denny	" "	"
John Graham	" "	"
Hanson Riece	" "	"
David Sutton	" "	"
Robert Ellinsworth	" "	"
Thomas Ellinsworth	" "	"
James McKimmey	" "	"
Thomas Ray	" "	"
Job W. Compton	" "	"

Josepy Evans Quaker	Non Attendance	$1.50
Thomas Williams "	" "	"

COMPANY COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN WM. SIMEREL ARR. 10th 1830.

DELINQUENTS	NON ATTENDANCE	
Charles Peck	" "	$.50
James Hamilton	" "	"
Nathan Trublood	" "	"
Anthony B. Conner	" "	"
Abner Scott	" "	"
John Mann	" "	"
John Daniels	" "	"
Elias Reeves	" "	"
Ruel Ingolsby	" "	"
David Smith	" "	"
William Moody	" "	"
Samuel Graves	" "	"
Wm. Trueblood	" "	"
Richard Hays	" "	"
John Hamilton Jr.	" "	"
James Vest	" "	"
Hugh Commer	" "	"
John Jenckes	" "	"
Oliver A. Story	" "	"
George Hammersly	" "	"
Daniel Swalls	" "	"
Isaac Hays	" "	"
Jefferson Benjamin	" "	"
Richard Trueblood	" "	"
Iahn Gosnel	" "	"
Alfred Rector	" "	"
William Perkins	" "	"
Eli Sullivan	" "	"
Ira Allen	" "	"
Wm. Wood	" "	"
Claybourn Hollow	" "	"
Samuel Paddock	" "	"
Solomon Perkins	" "	"

BATTALION MUSTER MAY 28, 1830.

Charles Peck	" "	"
Stephen Winchel	" "	"
Abner Scott	" "	"
Ira Coltrin	" "	"
Wm. Moody	" "	"
Wm. Trueblood	" "	"
Samuel Graves	" "	"
Richard Hays	" "	"
James Vest	" "	"
John McKee	" "	"
Hugh Conner	" "	" "
Oliver A. Story	" "	" "
Jefferson Benjamin	" "	"
Alfred Rector	" "	"
Ira Allen	" "	" "
George Conner		

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DELINQUENTS	CAUSES OF FINES	
First Sergt. James A. Shaddock	Non attendance	$2.00
Drummer Lewis Paine	" "	.50
Archibald Spencer	" "	"
John Liston	" "	"
Ebenizer Paddock	Without Equipp.	.37½
Oscar Gilbert	" "	"
John H.McJohnson	" "	"
John Paddock	" "	"

COMPANY COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN MOSES CARR APR. 10, 1830.

Nathan Staggs	Non attendance	.50
Wm. Foster	" "	"

BATTALION MUSTER MAY 28,1830.

Redmon Evans	" "	"
Wm. Foster	" "	"
Isaac Johnson	" "	"

REGTL. MUSTER OCT. 2, 1830.

Hamilton Reed	" "	"
Joseph Kester	" "	"
Absalom Hunt	" "	"
Wm. Foster	" "	"
Joseph Denison	" "	"
David Canada	" "	"
Wm. Perry	" "	"
Iabal Welch	" "	"
Isaac Johnson	" "	"
John Cox Quaker	" "	$1.5
Wm. Nobles "	" "	"

COMMPANY COMMANDED BY CAPT. CLARK NICHOLS REGT MUSTER OCT.2,183

Private Ieptha Baker	" "	.50
Azaria C. Mitchel	" "	"
Wm. Black		"
Amos Curtiss	" "	"

I certify that this is a true copy
A.H.Wolcott Judge Advocate
pro tem.

Terre Haute Nov. 3, 1830
This is to certify that the foregoing fines were legally assed as the regimental court of assessment and not remitted at the Court of appeals for 1830. John Scott
Attest A. Kinney Judge Advocate

I certify that the above list is a copy of the delinquents for the year 1830. Who have not paid fines assess.against them as returned by C.G.Taylor Collector

C.J.Noble Judge Adv. January 16, 1832.

H.Haskins Col
30Regt.----

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Paper read before the Knights ... Militia (TH)

Nov. 19. 1935 by Major Werner

A review of the Military History of Terre Haute, Ind.

The history of most every new country is very closely associated with the military arm of government. The establishment of government of The United States of America could never have been accomplished w with out the aid of the soldier. As the nation moved west the soldier was compelled to follow the pioneer to potect him in his new posts established in the new and in most cases hostile indian country. Long before the establishment of Te re Haute on the Wabash the surround in territory was in control of the French, the dividing line between the ~~gatetrament~~ territory governed by the Canadian and the Louisana governors was in this immediate section.

The conquest of this territory by the English was as well as the ~~estabb~~ conquest for the United Staes by George Rogers Clark was before Terre Haute was founded. But the soldiers of the French and English had alternately passed thru this region, having a pst at Vincennes and Lafayette.

As early as 1786 Clark had passes thru this region operating against Indians in the north and Major Hamtramck had scouted this region in 1790. Scott and Wilkinson also operated thru this section.

The real military history of Terre Haute how ever began in 1811 when Governor Harrison moving against Tecumseh the Indian Chief established Fort Harrison on the banks of the Wabash above the the village of Terre Haute as an advanced post for his operations. This pst was abandened as a military post about 1822 after having had in addition to Gen. Harrison as commandant Zachery Taylor then a captain who commnaded at the time of the only battle at the ~~pst~~ fort the night of Sept 4-5, 1812. These matters have been so much discussed and written of that I pass them over with only calling attention to them as a part of the military history of Terre Haute. Taylor was succeeded in command by Major Sturgis and he by Major Chunn who was in command when the post was abandoned.

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Things seemed to have slipped along rather smoothly after the war of 1812 and by the time of the Mexican War Terre Haute was quite a little community. Phil Kearney then a captain in the army was busy in the neighborhood raising a company of dragoons thirty of which were enlisted in Terre Haute. Kearney who became noted as a major general during the civil war lost an arm during battle. A company called the Fort Harrison Guards also came from Terre Haute and as a part of the 4th. Regiment of Indiana Volunteers took part in several different engagements of the Mexican War.

At the beginning of the Civil War or early in 61 Terre Haute had two cm companies of Militia called locally The Fort Harrison Guards, successors of the company of the Mexican War and the Vigo County Guards. These two companies volunteered as a whole at the call for troops from the President and became a part of the 11th. Ind. Vol. commanded by Lew Wallace of Crawfordsville, later a major general. It would be impossible in the time allotted me to take up all the personalitees from our city who were or became leaders among the volunteers from Indiana during the civil war. I think you are all as well or possibly more informed than I. How ever Terre Haute did her part well in furnishing men for this great task of putting down the rebellion. Among the orgainzations that were sent at least in part from Terre Haute were the 14th., 31st., 43rd., 71st. 85th. and a company of a Geman Reg. raised in the State, the 32nd. Ind. The 7th. and 8th. Batteries and part of the 18th. Troop I of the 1st. Cav. (28th. Reg.) also came from Terre Haute. Co. B of the Irish Reg., 35th. two troops of the 4th. Cav. (72nd. Reg.) and during the latter part of the war the 133rd. was raised largely from Vigo County. During the war the older men of the city, most of them over fifty organized a company of home guards called the Silver Grays. The Morgan raid almost called this out fit into active duty. The rolls of the organization contained many of the more pominent citizens of that day and all too old for active servise.

It would take quite a list to name all our soldiers who were to become distinguished citizens after the war, there were many, but I can't help but name a few in passing. Major General Charles Cruft, our only general, Col. John P. Baird for who one of our G.A.R. Posts has been named. Col. W. H. Fairbanks who went out an enlisted man, Col. W. E. McClain, Lt. Col. Topping, killed at the first battle of Bull Run, Col. A. B. Crane, Robert Stewart who at the beginning of the war refused a coloncylcy and was later Col. of the of the 5th. Cav. Major F. C. Crawford, Geo. E. Farrington a quartermaster under Crane. Ezra Reed and B. F. Swafford Surgeons and one could go on and find prominent citizens of the by the score wmong our prominent business men who at one time had worn the uniform of their cuntry. We miss themin the daily affairs of our cith, none of those named are among us today, and thus time rolls on and a new generation comes along to take their places but they left us a wonderfull mark to shoot at in their sincere patriotism and citizenship.

After the Civil War local companies of the Indiana Legion were organize from time to time old ones lost interest, new one came on. Notable was the Prairie City Guards in 1871 it also had on its roster many of our most prominent citizens. In 1877 two new companies were organized which gained considersble fame for organizations on the competitive drill field. The McKeen Cadets were probably our flashiest out f it. It was organized in1879 by Edward Friend a local telegraph operator who had served as an enlisted man in the confederate army. The company was named in honor of W. R. McKeen, banker and rail road president and one who I think we all like to remember as one of our most outstanding citizens of his time. Thes company gained a national reputation for its ability on the drill field from it participation in prize drills all over the country. The membership unlike its predecessors except the officers were all the young bloods of the town and they took a great pride in their organization which turned out in a regulation West Point uniform. Their last appearance was in the Gen. Grant

funeral parade in 1885..Another organization of about this time but of which I can find no record was the Hager Veterans,an organization whose roll was open only to old soldiers as we even then called them. Later the legislature passed a new militia law and in 1890 this company began taking recruits of young men.The older men droped out from lack of interest,age and some not caring to soldier with the young man who knew nothing but wear the uniform.The company was mustered out of the state service in 1892 and most of the younger men enlisted in Co.B. which had been organized in 1889 by John W.Ebel who later became Col. of the 1st.Indiana Legion.This company hasa long record of service. It has reported for duty at every state camp for training since that time.It has responded to the call of the Governor on several occasions to assist in the enfôrcement of the law.On two occasions to assist in time of disaster,the powder mill explosion at Fontanet and the great Easter night cyclone in our own city in 1913.It made trips as an organization to the Worlds Fair in Chicago,the Cotton States Exposition at Nashville Tenn.The St.Louis and Jamestown Expositions.Attended the funeral of Governor Hovey at Mt.Vernon Ind.and Pres.Harrison at Indpls. It responded to the call of the President for the Spanish American War being mustered into the service April 26 and out Nov.23 1898.
In this connection I would like to say that froma stand point of facts in writing history for publication great care should be used to get the facts.With all due respects to the author of a history of greater Terre Haute he certainly made no effort to get the history of our soldiers in the Spanish War correct.It is a rather hard job for a non military man to write military history.He says we should not forget our volunteers in this war and gives them a small paragraph to remember them and then says,"Before war was declared Col.Ebel had working to raise a company,and in April Company B's muster roll was complete." Farther it says,"It remained in the east during the summer and was not called into active service.----Since thenCompany B has retained its

organization as military-social body." It was a social body but its record since then will show that it was a very fine military body and the social part was a side affair.The part I started to bring out was, the company had been organized for nine years previous to the war and the company was commanded by Geo.W.Biegler a newspaper man with the Gazette.In the face of the fact that Capt.Biegler afterward received the covetted Congressional Medal while captain in the 28th.U.S.Vol. in the Philipine Islands he could at least have the credit of having commanded our own local company during the war.The only living officer of that time is Captain A.W.Dudley who was its second lieut.J.E.Thomas was 1st.Lt.The company put in nine months on the Mexican border in 1916-17,returning to its home station a short time before being called for active duty again for the world war.On both these occasions it was commanded by Gerhardt A.Monninger later promoted major 152 Inf. While on the border a new regimental organization gave the regiment a machine gun company and this was assigned to Terre Haute.

Just before the United States entered the World War Richard Henry a grand son of Col R.W.Thompson,Provost Marshall here during the civil war,organized a company of engineers which later became Co.A, 113th.Eng.This was the only local organization that was not broken up for replacements after arrival in France but served there as a unit. Another infantry company was organized at this time by that staunch old patriot A.C.Duddleston.This company was mustered in shortly before the war and became Co.H,151st.Inf.We claim for the Captain that he is the oldest volunteer for combat service during the war.We celebrated his fifty ninth birth day in France.He later became personel adjutant of the regiment.Thus Terre Haute furnished four compete organizations for the World War all being units of the 38th.Div.and trained at Camp Shelby Miss.prior to going across.Most of the division landed in France during October 19 and were immediately used for replacements in organizations that were being badly used at the front.

Before the war the war department had appointed a few reserve officers of the army, mostly in staff positions. Terre Haute had two who were the first to leave for active duty, Ora D. Davis and E.H. Clifford Our physicians and surgeons furnished their full quoto for the medical corps of the army and numerous of our young men attended the training camps that were turning out officers every ninety days. One of thehumorous happenings when enlisting was at its height was one of the young fellows(William C. Royce)who was refused on account of hammer toes. He immediately had the disqualifying toe removed and was accepted and served during the war. He is now a major in the chemical warfare reserve.

A partial list of officers serving during the world war who had their beginning with old Co.B might not be amiss as it shows something of the standing of the company in military training.

Geo.W. Biegler, Col. Shelby C. Leasure, Lt. Col. Benjmin E. Wimer, G.A. Monninger Albert Catlin, Ernest Clark, Majors. I can not at this time attemp to name the line officers who rose from the ranks of the company.

The city is today represented in the states military forces by two companies, Co.I, 151st. I nf. which is the successor of Co.B. and Co.L of th the same regiment which is a new organization, I think 1932. Both these companies are well trained and fully equipped for field service and are commanded by Paul D. Harter and Ernest Meissel resectively.

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Military Organizations of Terre Haute

B. E. Weimer

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I have been asked to give a short history of the military organizations of Terre Haute. I can not go into much detail in the time allotted me for this purpose, but I will try to mention all the organizations that have existed here or were organized here beginning with the Mexican War. But I will go into some detail about the one organization with which at least the older of our citizens are familiar with, one which I think existed longer than any other and which carried on its rolls many men who served their country faithfully and efficiently during the great war, this company familiarly known as Old Company B.

Two organizations were furnished the government for duty during the Mexican War. The Fort Harrison Guards left Terre Haute, June 5,1847 to join the 4th Reg.Ind.Volunteers was commanded by Landon Cochran who had also served during the war of 1812, Captain Phil Kearny of whom we are probably more familiar with for his civil war record, raised a company of dragoons here for the Mexican War. Kearny lost his left arm in battle which gave him the chance when a major general in the civil war to say to Gen Howard who had lost his right arm, General, we should buy our gloves together.

At the beginning of the Civil War, there were two organized companies of the active militia here, the Fort Harrison Guards whose forerunner had served in the Mexican War was the first to volunteer for service. The other the Vigo County Guard was only a few hours behind them. They became Companies C, and D of the 11th Ind.Vol.Inf. com.by Gen.Lew Wallace. Other organizations raised mostly in Terre Haute during the Civil War and all of which served with gallantry thru out the war. 14th,Col. Nathaniel Kimball, 31st,Col.Chas.Cruft,who was the only Terre Hautean to become a Major General, 43rd.Col.Steele and afterward Col.Wm.E.McLean, 71st. 85th. Col.John Baird,Co.B,35th an Irish reg.Co.E,32nd, a German Reg. of which Philip Monninger was Captain, among others I recall of our prominent citizens in this Co.E were Nick Filbeck and Carl Kreitenstein, the 7th,8th and 18th In. Batteries. Co.L, 28th Reg. which became the 1st Cav. and two companies of the 72nd which became the 4th Cav. and in 1864 the 133rd.reg.Col.R.N.Hudson. There seems to have been little activity along the line of active militia for a few years after the war as there seems to be no revord of a military company being organized until 1871 when the Prairie City Guards were organized, the roster of this company is full of names of our prominent citiaens of that time and were all veterans. This was followed a few years later by the Hager Veterans of which I find no record in the history of Terre Haute. Two military companies were organized in 1877 as an out growth of the political drill corps of 1876 campaign. The Terre HauteLight Guards from the Hays and Wheeler drill corps and the Governors Guards from the Tilden and Hendricks. At this time active militia furnished their own uniform and chose their own design and color subject to approval of the Governor. The Light Guards wore grey the other blue. The McKeen Caders were organized in June 1879 by Edward Friend a telegraph operator in a local office who had been an enlised man in the confederate army. The company was named in honor of Wm.R.McKeen,President of the Vandalia R.R. and McKeen's Bank. They wore the West Point uniform. The ages of the original members ranged from 15 to 19 but when the men or boys grew to be called cadets they changed their name to the McKeen Rifles. This company gained a national reputation from its participation in prize drills, notable at Louisville,Evansville, Lafayeete and Indianapolis.

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Its last appearance was in the General Grant funeral parade in 1885. In 1889 a new militia law under which uniforms were furnished by the state and provided for six days training with pay reawakened the interest in the active militia. A new organization was formed from a campaign drill corps which John W.Ebel had organized during the campaign of the previous year.

This made two organizations in the city at this time. The Hager Veterans under command of Captain R.P.Davis still being active. The old members of this organization being all old soldiers not caring for the active work of drills and annual camps under the new law soon gave place to young men and the time of the company expiring in 1892. It was not reorganized. A number of the men immediately enlisted in the new company that had been organized in 1889/

Company B, 1st. Reg.Inf.Ind.Leginn which is generally considered the predecessor of the present Co.I,151st Inf. was mustered into the Ind. Legion on March 20, 1889 and elected the following officers, John W.Ebel, Capt.John Triche,1st Lt. and L.D.Sparks 2nd Lt. The social name of the organization was the Terre Haute Rifles. One of the features of membership in those days was that instead of members being paid they paid 25 cents per month for the priviledge of being a member of the active militia. The company moved along in very good shape having numerous social affairs taking part in Memorial Day and Fourth of July exercised, etc. At the annual encampment of the year of 91 Capt.Ebel was elected Col.of the regiment and Arthur Ballenger became Capt.&on July 3rd. of the same year Geo. W.Biegler was elected Captain on the resignation of Ballenger.

A notable occasion in the military history of Terre Haute was the holding of the annual encampment of the Ind. Legion at Forest Park in the year of 1893. As was the custom at that time the Legion paraded the streets of the city during the week.

On the evening of June 2, 1894 an occasion such as this was held at the Armory at 17th and Wabash. The then new armory had been built especially for the company by Col.McLean. The company was honored by the presence of the Governor and his staff and many other notables. After numerous speeches and the giving and exceptance of the armory the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. The members of the company tired but happy over at last having a new and very suitable armory retired to their homes in the early hours of the morning. This happy feeling was turned to consternation that day by the company being ordered to assemble for strike duty. This was the first duty fo the kind the company had been called to perform.

The company first went to Cannelton in Davis Co. and then two days later to Sullivan Co. where they remained for two weeks being out altogether sixteen days.

The company responded to the call of President McKinley on April 26, '98 and left the same day for Camp Mount,Indianapolis. On the 22nd of May it was moved with the regiment to Camp Alger Va. on Aug.3rd they started a practice march to Thoroughfare Gap, Va. This was said to be the longest march made by any troops during the Spanish War. From there they were moved by train to Camp Meade near Harrisburg Pa. and them beck to Camp Mount where they were furloughed for sixty days being mustered out at this camp on the 23rd of May.

The company was reorganized and mustered into the service Feb.27,99, with Geo.W.Biegler as Capt. Lat Lt. and A.W.Dudley 2nd Lt.Wm.H.Hoff

These were the same officers except Lt.Hoff who had served during the war, he taking the place of James E. Thomas on the reorganization. On Oct. 5, 99 Lt. J. E. Thomas was elected Captain and Commissary, Lt.Dudley was promoted to Captain and B.E.Wimer and Eddie F. Fisher were elected 1st. and 2nd Lts.

On the 13th of Feb.1908, Capt. Dudley and Lt.Fisher having resigned, Wimer was made Capt. and G.A. Monninger was elected 1st Lt. and Ernest Clark 2nd Lt.

On May 21st 1916 the Capt. having been promoted to major,Lt.Monninger became captain.
The company responded to the call of the President for the second time when they were called into the service of the U.S.,1913 fmx(June 19) for service on the Mexican border, where they served until muster out at Ft.Benj.Harrison in Feb.,1917. They were called back into service for guard duty over railroads, bridges, etc. later in 1917 and on Aug.5 were drafted with the other units of the National Guard for service during the war. They trained at Camp Shelby Miss. until Sept.1918 when they moved to Camp Mills,N.Y. and from there in Oct. to LeMans France. The 38th Div. was broken up at this place to furnish replacements for other front line units and Co.B, shared that fate with the others. Capt. Monninger was promoted to major while at Camp Shelby and Capt.Bradfute was assigned to be company and took it over seas. The company became a thing of the past except that the records were brought back to Camp Taylor Ky. by a cadre and the records closed. The company was always proud of its record as a military organization, always standing high in its inspections etc. The high standard set by the officers and men showed when the time came for the need of trained men as officers. Capt. Biegler was a Col. in the regular army, Sergt.Leasure a Lt.Col, C.A. Monninger, Albert Catlin, Theodore Taylor, Ernest Clark and B.E.Wimer were majors and captains and lieutenants to numerous to mentionn

When the 2nd Reg.Inf. to which Co.B had been assigned on reorganization of the guard just before going to the border returned to Indianapolis. the Machine Gun Co. of this regiment was assigned to Terre Haute under Capt.N.A.Powell. This company was recruited for farther duty in Terre Haute. They also did guard duty previouseto the draft of Aug.5. Its fate was the same as Co.B.

Patriotism was at a high pitch at this time and two other companies were recruited in Terre Haute and mustered into the National Guard. Richard Henry, a grand son of the staunch old patriot Col.R.W.Thompson recruited a company of engineers and was assigned to the enginne r batallian Ind.N.G. and became Co.A,113th Eng.38th Div.

Captain A.C.Duddleston, who received his first training in the McKeen cadets recruited a company of infantry which was assigned as Co.H,1st Ind. which became the 151st Inf.38thDiv. It is believed by most of us here that the Captain was the oldest volunteer to be accepted for active duty in a combat organization during the war. This company suffered the same fate as Co.B after reaching France. The engineer company served as a unit doing engineer work over there. There were many individuals servied from Terre Haute in different capacities, notably Capt.Ora Davis, Major T.C.Stunkard,Major Samuel Royce and many others, quite a number being among our prominent physicians who served in the medical corps.

When the old guard left for service with the army, a new militia company was organized for home duty. Ed R. Beauchamp was captain with Wm.B.Hice Ass.P.M. as 1st Lt.

Among the many social features that made service attractive in the old days were the trips taken by Co.B. They had quite a record in this line. The first, one week at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1892, others the Cotton States Exposition at Nashville,Tenn.and G.A.R. at Louisville, the buffalo Exposition, the Jamestown Exposition, the Worlds Fair at St.Louis,Mo. the inauguration of President Taft.

It was called to active duty in the state during strike riots in 1894, the powder mill explosion at Fontanet, the street railway strike at Indianapolis, race riot at Evansville, the cyclone disaster in our own city and after the war the labor trouble among the mines of Clay County.

What might be termed a continuation of the organization was completed early in 1920 when Majof Monninger organized the present company, accepting the captaincy himself, and being assigned as Co.I,151st Inf. Captain Monninger resigned after approximately two years and Heman A. Collins became the captain. He was succeeded by Captain Paul D.Harter the present company Commander.

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Two military companies were organized in 1877, as an outgrowth of of the political drill corps of the 1876 campaign.

The Terre Haute Light Guards were orga ized from the Hayes & Wheel drill corps, by Capt. Ogden Wood, a retired army officer. The Governor Guards were organized from the Tilden & Hendricks drill corps by Capt. William P. Hoctor, a veteran of the Civil war. The Light Guard wore a gr uniform and the others a blue.

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OLD GUARD FIFTY YEARS OLD TODAY

Souvenirs of Terre Haute's Pioneer Social and Military Organization Sent to Survivors.

"Sound the good old bugle, boys. Revive our memory. Today is the anniversary of the Terre Haute light guard, a part of the past." A military organization which lis today celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

The celebration will not take on the color of tingling cymbals and sounding brass; there will be no parades, just a quiet reminder to those who belonged, no matter in what part of the globe they may be sojourning.

This last week, flying like winged messengers on the mail trains went significant pamphlets addressed to "Dear old comrade of the Terre Haute light guard. This message bore as follows:

"On this date 10 years ago, a number of the resident survivors of the old guard, sent greetings to those whose lives are without our "ken" but whose happiness and welfare is our thought, and it is hoped none failed to receive our message.

"Believing that the fiftieth anniversary of the well loved organization deserves more than passing mention the undersigned, comprising the survivors of that memorable band who still sojourn on the "banks of the Wabash," join in the following:

"'To the best of good fellows who are far from us, but whose hands it would give us untold pleasure to grasp as in the old days.'

"Doubtless you recall the words of our well loved comrade, John W. Davis, presiding at the first reunion banquet:

"'The fair pages of our pleasant history, are blotted by no unseemly quarrels, no one ever heard an unkind word. I do not believe anyone ever harbored an unkind thought. We were comrades indeed. Happy memories there are, and there is not one who would not wish it were all to be gone over again.'

"Most of the genial band have fallen in the battle of life—'have entered the low green tent whose curtain never swings outward'—but knowing them as we did in life, they look down on us from the windows of Our Father's house and wish us health and happiness. Would that they were all with us now. No one could wish them greater happiness than this.

"And so true, after all these years, that we can make them our own sentiments today.

"Do you not hear the strains of "Tenting On the Old Camp Ground," led by the Smith brothers, Pixie Williams, George Levings, John Hager, and Gabe Davis?"

Responsible for this reminder were Harry C. Gilbert, John C. Warren, George H. Hebb and Will W. Adamson, a committee.

The remaining members of the old guard in Terre Haute are the foregoing with Robert W. Van Valzah, Charles R. Ray, W. H. Rippetoe, Charles H. Goodwin James D. Bigelow, Frank G. Brokaw, Frank Gilman, Gabe Davis, active members, and Joseph Strong, honorary member.

Scattered in various points of the United States are: Thomas D. Graham, club opposite Grant hotel, San Diego, Cal.; Ben G. Hudnut, 90 Halstead street, East Orange, N. J.; Frank W. Hurty, 818 Summit avenue St. Paul, Minn.; Chas. R. Peddle, purchasing agent's office, Pennsylvania railroad, St. Louis, Mo.; Will H. Truesdale, 850 Park avenue, New York City; William H. Hall, 204 E. Valley road, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Will J. Morgan, 5658 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Ill; Thos. B. Cookerly, 668 Thirty-third street, Des Moines, Ia.; Will E. Donaghoe, 1618 Arlington street, Los Angeles, Cal.; Clinton Miller, 5013 Chose street, Omaha, Neb.; John R. Hager, 1026 First avenue W., Seattle, Wash.; Sheldon Swope, Box 487, Punta Gorda, Fla.

C. Ogden Wood was the first captain of the guard, Frank C. Crawford, first lieutenant; W. H. Armstrong, second lieutenant. Back in 1878 the guard slept on their arms in old Dowling hall during the great railroad strike.

THE OLD GUARD.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of the Old Guard, Terre Haute's distinguished social and military organization of half century ago. The roster of the organization sounds like a directory of the prominent business and professional men of several generations ago and there are still a number of the survivors here, who retain fond and mellow memories of the triumph of the guard on the drill field and in the cotillion. The Old Guard was the forerunner of the militia. Its first traditions were loyalty and patriotism to the state and nation, and to the finest principles of good citizenship. Its social engagements were among the brilliant affairs in Terre Haute's history at that time and the programs of the Old Guard balls in Dowling hall, which stood where the Chanticleer building now stands, are preserved among the keepsakes of many Terre Haute families.

The fiftieth anniversary souvenir is reminiscent of those days. The Terre Haute residents, survivors of this company, have taken this means of reminding the members, scattered far and wide, of the old associations. The guard was an influence for good citizenship. It promoted an admirable social atmosphere, and gave weight to things which today are only too entirely neglected.

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